

St. John's Sinking Valley

December 28, 2025



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Tyrone, PA 16686

* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles:

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn:

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word

Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Isaiah

Isaiah 40:9

You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good news to Jerusalem,[c]
lift up your voice with a shout,

lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Romans

Romans 10:15

15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Chorus: Angels We Have Heard on High

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

*C: Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 2:17-20

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn-

Go Tell it On the Mountain

Message-

Do You Hear What I Hear?

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn-**

***St. John's Mission Statement**

We praise God for all His bountiful blessings. We desire to grow together in faith and love, acknowledging that we are a family, a congregation, and a community.

Benediction –

Let us go forth in the Grace of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the advent message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells

**Extinguishing of Candles –*

Organ Postlude –

Attention! We are reviewing our prayer list and plan to begin a fresh list in 2026. Please take a moment to look over the current list, and if anyone should remain on it, let Drew or Carey know by **December 31st**. We certainly do not want to cause any upset by removing names; however, the list is a few years old. Starting fresh in 2026 will help us keep the prayer list current and accurate. Thank you in advance for your help with this update!

Prayer Requests For: Ronnie N., Brenda M., Krystal D., Doreen, Ellen, Kathy, Emily, Craig, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Ernie, Jaxon, Judy, Mary, Mike, The Kost Family, Bonnie, Janet, Sally, Jeff, Brian, Judy, Tom, Jason, Joyce, Albert, Carly and Justin, Jaclyn, Bob, Sr., Jill, Lana and Andrea, Kelsi, Kathy, Ken, Mary Lou, Curt, Sue, Kim, Wendy, Linda, Mark, Peggy, Sarah, Dalton, Nico, Michael, First Responders, Members of our Military and their families, Cancer treatment patients and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church.

If you would like anyone added (or if someone can be removed) please let Carey Williams (brooke2235@yahoo.com) know. Thank You.

Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Drew Baker is our Worship Leader. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085. Drew's Email: jesus2thevalley@gmail.com

Prayer Chain –There is a prayer support chain in place. If anyone would like to commit to praying and being part of the chain, please see **Drew Baker**. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Drew know.

Give to St. John's online for a one-time or a recurring gift using the church's website:

www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com

Scroll down the home page and click on the PDF "Online Giving DIRECTIONS" for more information. Click on the "Online Giving Web Site" link to create a free profile and get started.

Or give through the mail. Please send checks made out to "St. John's Lutheran Church" to:

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Reader/Offering Schedule

December	Reader	Count Offering
12/28/25	Remington Fleck	Howie Overcash Marty Williams
January	Reader	Count Offering
1/4/26		Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
1/11/26		Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
1/18/26		Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
1/25/26		Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams

Events / Meetings / Special Services

January 7th – 6:30 p.m.

**January 25th – Tent. Congregational Meeting
following worship**

We Care Meals

January 10, 2026 ~ January 24, 2026

February 14, 2026 ~ February 28, 2026

March 14, 2026 ~ March 28, 2026

April 11, 2026 ~ April 25, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Samaritan Fund – December - We plan to involve the church's youth directly in our Good Samaritan program for the month of December. Teaching children the value of giving at a young age is important, as it allows them to experience the joy that comes from blessing others. Each child will have the opportunity to personally choose someone they feel is in need and offer their support. This was previously part of the Thrive youth program, and it was something the kids truly enjoyed. Please prayerfully consider helping the youth bless others during this season.

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Annual Meeting – Tent. - Sunday, January 25th – Please plan to stay after worship for the Annual Meeting to vote on the proposed budget for 2025.

Church Council - There are a few openings on church council for next year. If you are interested in joining council, please see a member or Drew. Council meets one evening a month.

Church Directory – The Church Directory is complete! Copies can be found on the back table—please remember to take one. In addition, if you are unable to worship in person and would like a copy mailed, please contact Heidi Shetler at (814) 327-1995.

REMINDER - Good Samaritan Fund Recipients – The Good Samaritan Fund was established to help anyone in need. If you know of anyone (individuals/families/missions), please pick up a form on the back table, complete it and put it in the offering plate or in the basket on the back table.

Sunday Evening Bible Study – Adult Bible Study will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Drew Baker (814-932-4085), or Jerry & Heidi Shetler (814-327-4808 / 814-686-2347).

Favorite Hymns – If you have a favorite hymn, please be sure to put it on the list on the back table.

We Care Meals - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, some recipients are elderly, young, home bound, recovering from illness or accident, or just could use a good meal and a smiling face delivering the meal. If you know of **“ANY ONE”**, please contact Drew or a member of council.